St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
March 19, 2023

PLEASE FIND OUR EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN NUMBER OF: 636-946-6327

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” - Jn 9:15
Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., March 20, Saint Joseph
7:00am † Margaret Worland
   Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Communion Service
   Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., March 21, Lenten Weekday
7:00am † Jon Stewart
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Edna Walters
   Presider: Fr. Benz

Wed., March 22, Lenten Weekday
7:00am † Dorothy Clegg
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Sue Sheils
   Presider: Fr. Benz

Thur., March 23, Lenten Weekday
7:00am † Marilyn Klutenkamper
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Connie Hanson
   Presider: Fr. Benz
5:30pm † Deceased Legionnaires
   Presider: Fr. Whitman

Fri., March 24, Lenten Weekday
7:00am † Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Tom Hamer (all school)
   Presider: Fr. Benz

Sat., March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00am † Martha Baronovic
   Presider: Fr. Whitman

Sat., March 25, Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:00pm † Diane Echele
   Presider: Fr. Benz
   Deacon: Mark McCarthy
   Servers: M. Basler and R. Basler

Sun., March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:30am † Our Parish Family
   Presider: Archbishop Carlson
   Deacon: Frank Olmsted
   Servers: Adult Servers (K. Bury & T. Schoolfield)
9:30am † Steve Sepe
   Presider: Fr. Benz
   Deacon: Frank Olmsted
   Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer
11:30am † Mike Sepe
   Presider: Fr. Benz
   Deacon: Frank Olmsted
   Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer

To keep current with our sick list above, please let us know when we need to add or remove anyone. Thank you!

Pray for the Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
† Michael Ambroziak, husband of Judy
† Jackie Fogarty
† Jackie Lauer, mother of Jeanie McCoy
May their souls rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.

Tina Adams
Jenny Andrzejewski
Joan Andrzejewski
Shiela Bachtel
Pete Balotti
Patrick Beckman
Jerry Belew
Marnie Boyle
Sue Brockelmeyer
Dot Browning
Carol Buerman
Harold Buescher
Butch Carr
Peaches Conoyer
Jeff Cook
Gene Dallas
Dorothy Davis
Patty Derhake
Jim Doyle
Fred Dyer
Charli Elliston
Emelia Emke
Carole Ermeling
Deacon Tony Falbo
Joe Flood
Margie Fortman
Randy Gravemann
Carol Green
Katherine Green
Ron Haas
Al Hagedorn
Michelle Haines
Dennis Haislip
Bella Herman
Vi Higgins
Jason Hoag
Kelly Hurley
Jack Kaiman
Vivian Koester
Chuck Lammert
C J Lindner
Joyce Lumetta

Liz McCarthy
Trace Gillam Martin
Joe Marzaloes
Lisa Masek
Rich Meyer
John Miller
Norma Miller
Mary Minton
Kathy Muegge
Ron Niffen
Keith R. Noah
Mary Fran Oldani
Amelia Paquette
Becky Philippis
Dave Raley
Jim Pini
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Rita Reeves
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
Kenneth Robinson
Jim Rogles
Barbara Roth
Ed Scaglione
Elise Scheu
Tim Schneider
Mark Schoene
Jim Schoonover
Bob Sheils
Suellen Shuey
Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Caron Story
Samantha T
Debbie Teson
Barbara Tuma
Tom Walsh
Dorothea Wallace
Michelle Weinrich
John Whitener
Lloyd & Jenny Whitman
Richard Wieck
Shelly Wilfong
Fred Wilkinson
Mason Wlodarski
Janet Yanez
In today’s Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

SUNDAY Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 (live streamed), 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY Masses: 7:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday and 8:00 a.m. Saturday (live streamed) 8:00 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday in the weekday chapel

COMMUNION SERVCE: Monday at 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Monday 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISMS:
Arrangements must be made six months in advance.
Contact Deacon Mark McCarthy

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
By appointment

HOMILIES:
Sunday homilies can be found at:
www.saintcletus.org

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am-1:00pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE: 10 Days Prior to date
In writing or email to: secretary@saintcletus.org

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**Activities & Meetings This Week**

**Monday, March 20**
- 9:15 AM Cornerstone Hall
- 10:00 AM Living Joy Group Mtg Cletus
- 5:00 PM Men’s Bible Study Cletus
- 6:15 PM PSR Classes School
- 6:30 PM Peace & Justice Mtg Duchesne

**Tuesday, March 21**
- 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Class Hall
- 10:30 AM WWP Hall/Cletus/Duchesne
- 11:00 AM Pastoral Team Mtg Callahan
- 12:00 PM Private Meeting Cletus
- 7:00 PM SVDP Meeting Callahan
- 7:00 PM Parish Council Mtg Rectory Basement
- 7:00 PM WWP Hall/Cletus/Duchesne

**Wednesday, March 22**
- 8:30 AM Quilters Hall
- 8:30 AM Morning Social After 8:00 Mass Hall
- 10:00 AM Fr. Mark Bible Study Duchesne
- 12:00 PM Private Meeting Cletus
- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross Church
- 6:00 PM Choir Practice Church
- 6:30 PM Men’s Club Exec Mtg School Cafeteria
- 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry LDR Mtg Cletus

**Thursday, March 23**
- 8:30 AM Senior Exercise Class Hall
- 12:00 PM Private Meeting Cletus
- 6:30 PM Peace & Justice Mtg Callahan
- 6:30 PM Legion of Mary Day Chapel
- 7:00 PM RCIA Duchesne

**Friday, March 24**
- 9:00 AM Women’s Prayer Group Duchesne
- 9:30 AM Duchesne H.S. Jnr Girls Retreat Hall
- 12:00 PM Private Meeting Cletus
- 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross Church
- 4:00 PM Fish Fry School
- 4:30 PM Private Event Hall

**Tursday, March 25**
- 9:00 AM Knitting/Crochet Group Duchesne
- 3:30 PM Private Event Hall
- 5:00 PM RCIA Rite Church

**Diaper Drive After 5:00 Mass**

**Sunday, March 26**
- Diaper Drive After All Masses
- 7:00 PM Life Teen Night Hall
- 7:00 PM Parish Mission Church
SEVERAL THINGS TO CONSIDER NOW AS WE APPROACH LATE LENT:
1) Our Parish Mission to led by Archbishop-emeritus Carlson: Please be sure to mark your calendars from next Sunday evening through Wednesday, March 19!
2) Wearing your parish nametags: A Parish Mission is meant to unite us as one parish family as we hear the speaker, in this case, Archbishop Carlson, call us to unity with the Lord and his people. What better way to show our intent to grow as the one people of God at St. Cletus than by wearing our parish name tags for this event and from now on?
3) Please note the “recipe” below: Lent traditionally is a time of fasting from what can separate us from Christ; shouldn’t it also be a time of feasting on what can draw us to Christ? Please clip this list and place it prominently in your home:

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ indwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
   Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
   Fast from anger; feast on patience.
   Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
   Fast from worry; feast on trust.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
   Fast from hostility; feast on nonviolence.
   Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.
   Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on truths that uplift.
   Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
   Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
   Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
   Gentle God, during this season of fasting and feasting, gift us with your presence, so we can be a gift to others in carrying out your work. Amen

THIS WEEK WE CONTINUE OUR “LIVING JOY” SERIES: RULE 4: HAVE FUN
A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. — Proverbs 17:22

Questions to consider:
1. When did you start to lose the sense of “fun” you had as a child?
2. What’s the most fun you ever had? Share and relive this memory!
3. Look over your weekly schedule. Is it all work and commitments? Do you have time for spontaneity?
4. Who helps you have fun? Who keeps you from taking yourself too seriously?
5. Who built you up by “wasting” time with you as you grew up? Who do you need to “waste” time with?

Challenge:
1. Be silly! (Try telling a stupid joke.)
2. Do some quality fun with intentionality, and by that, I mean, make sure the goal is FUN. (If it’s not, you might find yourself way too stressed out after that round of golf or hour fishing!) It could be a favorite hobby or favorite book—but it’s gotta be something with no practical or work-related utility.
3. Find a way to “waste time” having fun with people you love.
COME CAPTURE THE JOY OF THE PARISH MISSION
WITH ARCHBISHOP-EMERITUS ROBERT CARLSON
SUNDAY, MARCH 26 THRU MARCH 29 @ 7:00 PM
RECONCILIATION WITH 6 CONFESSORS
THE LAST NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
DAILY MASS & REFLECTION
MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY @ 10:00 AM

“THE SMALLEST BUT THE STONGEST” PARISH
If you were here for Mass last weekend, you know that I spoke at all the Masses about St. Cletus remaining a “stand alone” parish under the All Things New pastoral plan to be announced on May 28, Pentecost Sunday. I pointed out that, though the smallest parish in population and territory, we are being challenged to become the strongest in our planning area. I then invited us to learn from our Fish Fry experience to commit ourselves to this goal in large ways and small ways. Two of the small ways I encouraged to build up the spirit of our parish would be to wear our parish nametags and to serve as a greeter and/or usher at our weekend Masses. Please use this sheet to sign up for a nametag (if you have lost/can’t find) your original one, but also please use it to sign up to serve as a greeter and/or usher.
Thanks!!

Fr. Jim Benz

NAME _____________________________________ PHONE #: ____________________________
(Please circle each appropriate response)
I need a parish name tag: Yes / No Preferred Name: _______________________
I want to be a greeter: Yes / No
I want to be an usher: Yes / No

Please return this form to the Parish Office in person, via email, or in the collection basket.
As we near the high holy days of the church year, Fabian Yanez will present "Holy Week and Easter" this Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 pm. Come and prepare with the RCIA group and other interested Catholics in the Duchesne Room for this opportunity to delve into the meaning of this time of great celebration.

The Legion of Mary
On March 25, we celebrate the Annunciation (from Latin annuntiatio). The archangel Gabriel announces to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son through a virgin birth and become the mother of Jesus Christ.

Follow for Bishop Barron speaking on the Greatest Woman Ever.

Please join us in the day Chapel to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses on Sunday mornings.

For information about the legion or to submit Rosary requests, please call 636-946-6327 ext.1733

Divine Mercy in My Soul ..... 

The Diary of St. Faustina: A Message for our time. We’ll share the words Jesus gave St. Faustina for all of us and why we should never lose hope.

Presented by Mike Roberts
Location: St. Cletus Catholic Church
2205 Zumbehl Road
St. Charles, MO 63301
Day: Saturday, April 1, 2023,
8:00am Mass followed by
Rosary Devotion Presentation at 9:00am
Sponsored by the St. Cletus Legion of Mary
ST. CHARLES FRIENDS OF BIRTHRIGHT

PRESENTS: TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 15, 2023
Duchesne High School Performing Arts Center
2550 Elm, St. Charles, MO

Time: Doors open 6:00pm  Trivia begins at 7:00pm
$20 per person or $160 for table of 8 includes beer, wine, soda & water

Go online to http://bidpal.net/fobtrivia2023 to purchase tickets,
Reserve a table, sponsor a round for $100, or make a donation!
Or, send a check to
Friends of Birthright, P.O. Box 400, St. Charles, MO 63302
Questions? Call Genny Glosier: 636-947-3523 or

DEACON DIAPER DRIVE
AND
ST. CLETUS PRO-LIFE
BABY SHOWER

We will be collecting diapers and baby items on the weekends of March 18/19 and March 25/26. Diapers are costly so the need is great. We will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults to assist families in our community. Sizes 3, 4, and 5 are especially needed, but all sizes are definitely accepted.

Baby items needed: pacifiers, onesies, sleepers, baby lotion, baby wash, diaper rash ointment, receiving blankets, crib blankets or quilts, teething toy, rattles, crib sheets, baby bottles with nipples, hooded towels, and washcloths. Any handcrafted items such as hats and blankets are appreciated also. The items will be taken to agencies in St. Charles that help mothers and their children in need.

He will not forget your work and the love you have shown. Hebrews 6:10
Gather your PEEPS! Books make a great Easter basket filler for any age.

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Cletus Fish Fry on March 24! Join us in the gym from 4p-7p.

Shopping online is also a great way to help us out. Books will be shipped directly to your home.

Scan to visit our Personal website!

Cash, Check or Charge Accepted
Contact with questions:
Tara Florek
Book Fair Coordinator

Luke 18 Retreat:
When: March 24-26, 2023
Who: 7th grade, 8th grade, and high school students
Where: Camp Trinity, New Haven, MO
What you Get: A great time, cool t-shirt, food and lodging for the weekend, a chance to meet new people, an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God.
Cost: $85 (checks can be made out to St. Cletus Lifeteen)
Due Date: Please have form and money turned into Bob Hamer by Wednesday, March 21, 2023
Register Online: forms.gle/dd2QAZMce3HT8HqU9

THANK YOU for making our Recent St. Vincent DePaul GIFT CARD DRIVE a success!

Your support for our Neighbors in Need is appreciated!
St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul

Put your faith into action! Sign up for the Seeds of Justice Network newsletter to receive a weekly list of social justice events and opportunities in the St. Louis region.
Lent 2023 Care for Creation and Justice

Two actions to consider this week

March 19-25

Begin the process of thinking through how to give away unneeded clothes, bakeware, and other goods to people who could use them and rethink reuse, and recycle other items. Learn more at www.earth911.com

Remember your baptism today. What does it mean to you to be baptized? Spend some time praying or journaling about what happens to this sacrament when the world’s waters become polluted and inaccessible?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:5-17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/
Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Welcome New Parishioners!

To receive a registration form or indicate an address change or move from the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket, or call the Parish Office (636-946-6327).

Names:__________________________________________
Adults_______                 Children________
Address:_________________________________________
Phone:__________________________________________
Email:___________________________________________

Knights of Columbus 823
20 Westbury Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301

Chicken Dinner

When: Tuesday, March 21
Time: 6 - 7 pm
Cost: $12.00 per person.
Please call 636.949.0222 for reservations by Monday March 20

AND

Sausage Dinner

When: Sunday, March 26
Time: 3 - 6 pm
Cost: $12.00 per person
Proceeds will benefit St Peters Early Learning Center, St Charles Borromeo and St Cletus school
Donation of a desert would be appreciated.

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